

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE**

**PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of 21 March 2018
Faculty Lounge, Bernhard Center**

Members Present: Kelly Ackerson, Rob Eversole, Melissa Intindola, Valerian Kwigizile, John Miller

Members Absent: Nora Lewis, Cindy Linn, Marcel Zondag

Ex Officio Member Present: John Jellies

Advisory Member Present: Nicole Albee, Director, Office of Student Conduct; Kathy Mitchell, Ombudsman

Guests: Richard Gershon, Faculty Senate President Elect; Bret Wagner, Executive Board Director

Staff: Sue Brodasky

Due to Chair Eversole's late arrival, the meeting was called to order by Ex Officio Jellies at 12:38 p.m.

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Acceptance of the Agenda

A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Ackerson, to accept the agenda as provided. Motion carried.

Approval of 21 February 2018 Minutes

A motion was made by Intindola, seconded by Ackerson, to approve the 21 February minutes as presented. With one abstention, the motion carried.

Chair's Remarks

Jellies' comments covered:

- Faculty Senate President Elect, Richard Gershon, was introduced.

ACTION / INFORMATION ITEM

Grade Forgiveness – Wagner

Wagner provided a review of the proposal historically. Mitchell recently attended the advisors meeting and reviewed this proposal with them. The advisors had several questions/concerns. The advisors questioned one-time use and the name of the form. Miller noted that there is a current policy that allows students who leave the University for four years to return and apply for grade forgiveness. Gershon questioned allowing nine credit hours. Mitchell stated that the advisors questioned if the limit of three courses was to include any/all course retakes. Albee noted that other universities state in such policies that it only applies to the first attempt of a course. Discussion was held regarding identifying it as a change of major or a change of department. Mitchell suggested adding wording to disallow if the grade is a result of an academic integrity violation. Also to add a check box for the Registrar's office to verify any academic integrity violation grades. Mitchell noted that it should not be allowed for use to return to the student's original program. It was determined the name of the form should be

changed to "Undergraduate GPA Revision for Change of Program or Academic Unit." Discussion was held regarding the receiving department approval and it was decided to remove that approval. Wagner will confer with the Registrar's office on further details and return at the next PCC meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. by Chair Eversole.

Sue Brodasky, Faculty Senate Administrator